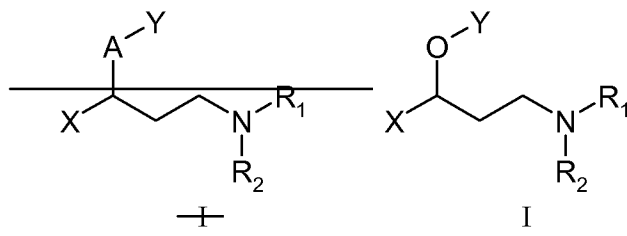


Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended) A compound of formula I:

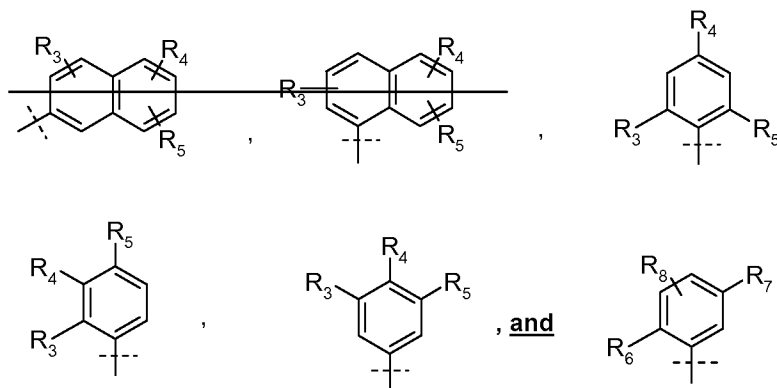


wherein

~~A is selected from O and S;~~

X is selected from C₁-C₈ alkyl, ~~C₂-C₈ alkenyl, and C₄-C₈ cycloalkylalkyl,~~ each of which may be optionally substituted with up to 3 substituents each independently selected from phenyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n- where n is 0, 1 or 2, -CF₃, -CN and -CONH₂;

Y is selected from



wherein

R₃, R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n- where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF₃, -SCF₃ and cyano;

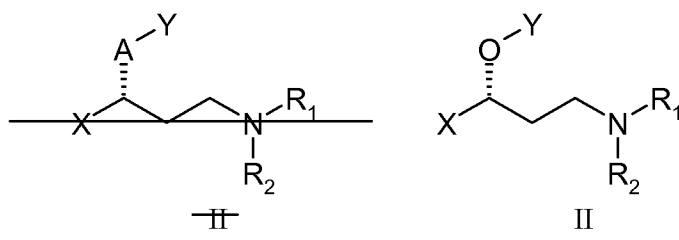
R₆ and R₇ are independently selected from halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n- where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF₃, -SCF₃ and cyano;

R₈ is selected from chloro, bromo, iodo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n- where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF₃, -SCF₃ and cyano; and

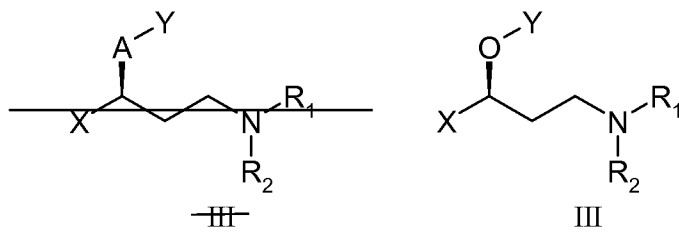
R₁ and R₂ are each independently hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claims 2-5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the compound possesses the stereochemistry defined in formula II



Claim 7 (currently amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ Claim 1, wherein the compound possesses the stereochemistry defined in formula III

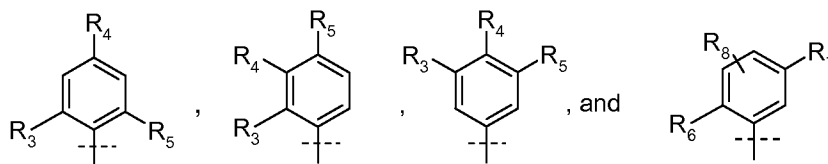


Claim 8 (currently amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, Claim 1 wherein X is C₁-C₈ alkyl which may be optionally substituted with one substituent independently

selected from phenyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n- where n is 0, 1 or 2, and -CF₃.

Claims 9-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (currently amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, Claim 8 wherein Y is selected from



wherein

R₃, R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃;

R₆ and R₇ are independently selected from halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃; and

R₈ is selected from chloro, bromo, iodo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃;

provided when R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen, R₅ is not hydrogen.

Claims 16 – 20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 or 19~~, Claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claims 22-32 (cancelled)

Claim 33 (new) A compound as claimed in Claim 15 wherein X is n-propyl.